

(8) Institution of higher education

The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given the term in section 1002(a) of title 20.

(9) National Laboratory

The term “National Laboratory” has the meaning given that term in section 15801 of title 42.

(10) Point of contact

The term “point of contact” means a point of contact designated under section 8603(d)¹ of this title.

(Pub. L. 106–224, title III, §303, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 429; Pub. L. 109–58, title IX, §941(a), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 873.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Subsec. (d) of section 8603 this title, referred to in par. (10), was redesignated subsec. (b) by Pub. L. 109–58, title IX, §941(b)(3), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 874.

AMENDMENTS

2005—Par. (2). Pub. L. 109–58, §941(a)(1), (3), added par. (2) and struck out heading and text of former par. (2). Text read as follows: “The term ‘biobased industrial product’ means fuels, chemicals, building materials, or electric power or heat produced from biomass.”

Pars. (3) to (8). Pub. L. 109–58, §941(a)(2)–(4), added pars. (3) and (6) and redesignated former pars. (3), (4), (5), and (6) as (4), (5), (7), and (8), respectively. Former pars. (7) and (8) redesignated (9) and (10), respectively.

Par. (9). Pub. L. 109–58, §941(a)(5), added par. (9) and struck out heading and text of former par. (9). Text read as follows: “The term ‘national laboratory’ has the meaning given the term ‘laboratory’ in section 12(d) of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3710a(d)).”

Pub. L. 109–58, §941(a)(1), (2), redesignated par. (7) as (9) and struck out heading and text of former par. (9). Text read as follows: “The term ‘processing’ means the derivation of biobased industrial products from biomass, including—

- “(A) feedstock production;
- “(B) harvest and handling;
- “(C) pretreatment or thermochemical processing;
- “(D) fermentation;
- “(E) catalytic processing;
- “(F) product recovery; and
- “(G) coproduct production.”

Par. (10). Pub. L. 109–58, §941(a)(1), (2), redesignated par. (8) as (10) and struck out heading and text of former par. (10). Text read as follows: “The term ‘research and development’ means research, development, and demonstration.”

§ 8603. Cooperation and coordination in biomass research and development**(a) In general**

The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Energy shall cooperate with respect to, and coordinate, policies and procedures that promote research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

(b) Points of contact**(1) In general**

To coordinate research and development programs and activities relating to biobased fuels and biobased products that are carried out by their respective Departments—

(A) the Secretary of Agriculture shall designate, as the point of contact for the Department of Agriculture, an officer of the Department of Agriculture appointed by the President to a position in the Department before the date of the designation, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

(B) the Secretary of Energy shall designate, as the point of contact for the Department of Energy, an officer of the Department of Energy appointed by the President to a position in the Department before the date of the designation, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) Duties

The points of contact shall jointly—

(A) assist in arranging interlaboratory and site-specific supplemental agreements for research and development projects relating to biobased fuels and biobased products;

(B) serve as cochairpersons of the Board;

(C) administer the Initiative; and

(D) respond in writing to each recommendation of the Advisory Committee made under section 8605(c) of this title.

(Pub. L. 106–224, title III, §304, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 430; Pub. L. 109–58, title IX, §941(b), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 874.)

AMENDMENTS

2005—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109–58, §941(b)(1), substituted “fuels and biobased products” for “industrial products”.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 109–58, §941(b)(2), (3), redesignated subsec. (d) as (b) and struck out former subsecs. (b) and (c), which related to purposes of the cooperation and coordination and areas of promotion of research and development.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109–58, §941(b)(3), redesignated subsec. (d) as (b).

Pub. L. 109–58, §941(b)(1), substituted “fuels and biobased products” for “industrial products” in two places.

§ 8604. Biomass Research and Development Board**(a) Establishment**

There is established the Biomass Research and Development Board, which shall supersede the Interagency Council on Biobased Products and Bioenergy established by Executive Order No. 13134, to coordinate programs within and among departments and agencies of the Federal Government for the purpose of promoting the use of biobased fuels and biobased products by—

(1) maximizing the benefits deriving from Federal grants and assistance; and

(2) bringing coherence to Federal strategic planning.

(b) Membership

The Board shall consist of—

(1) the point of contact of the Department of Energy designated under section 8603(b)(1)(B) of this title, who shall serve as cochairperson of the Board;

(2) the point of contact of the Department of Agriculture designated under section 8603(b)(1)(A) of this title, who shall serve as cochairperson of the Board;

¹ See References in Text note below.